



STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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Thursday, July 19, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Legislative Building
401 S. Carson Street, Room 3138
Carson City, Nevada

Via Videoconference to:

Grant Sawyer State Building
Legislative Counsel Bureau
555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 4412
Las Vegas, Nevada

MINUTES

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.
A verbatim transcript of the open session proceedings, prepared by a certified court reporter,
is available for inspection at the Commission offices in Carson City and Las Vegas.

Commission Members and Staff Present in Carson City:
Jim Kosinski, Esq., Rick Hsu, Esq.; Caren Jenkins, Esq.; George Keele, Esq.;
Adriana G. Fralick, Esq., General Counsel
Emily H. Nunez, Office Manager

Commission Members and Staff Present in Las Vegas:
Chairman; Mark Hutchison, Esq., Vice Chairman;
Randall Capurro; Timothy Cashman; William Flangas
Tami DeVries, Research Analyst

Chairman Kosinski called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2007.

Agenda Item 1 – Open session to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007 and June 13, 2007, Commission meetings

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Keele moved for approval of the minutes. Chairman Kosinski seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Commissioner Jenkins abstained since she did not participate in the May 9th meeting.

Commissioner Hutchison moved for approval of the minutes of the June 13th meeting. Commissioner Keele seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Commissioners Jenkins and Capurro abstained because they did not participate in this meeting due to their participation in the panel proceeding.

Chairman Kosinski closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 2 – Request for Opinion No. 07-19A

Closed session pursuant to NRS 281.511(5), to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion relating to a confidential Advisory Opinion Request submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511(1).

Agenda Item 3 – Request for Opinion No. 07-08A

Closed session pursuant to NRS 281.511(5), to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion relating to a confidential Advisory Opinion Request submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511(1).

Agenda Item 4 – Request for Opinion No. 07-26A

Closed session pursuant to NRS 281.511(5), to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion relating to a confidential Advisory Opinion Request submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511(1).

Agenda Item 5 – Request for Opinion No. 07-28A

Closed session pursuant to NRS 281.511(5), to hear testimony, receive evidence, deliberate, and render an opinion relating to a confidential Advisory Opinion Request submitted pursuant to NRS 281.511(1).

Agenda Item 6 – Open session for discussion to hear Executive Director’s Annual Report presented pursuant to NAC 281.053(2)

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item and stated that the annual report was not completed, however, staff had already prepared the report for his review. He hopes to have the report available at the next meeting. He then closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7 – Open session for annual election of Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to NRS 281.461(1)(a)

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item. Commissioner Jenkins moved the current Chairman and Vice Chairman continue their terms through the next fiscal year. Commissioner Capurro seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Chairman Kosinski closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8 – Open session for discussion and possible action regarding strategic plan for training

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item and stated that he would like to have the strategic plan for training considered for final action at the next meeting. Commissioner Cashman stated that he has read the strategic plan and believes it is a great plan, however, he asked who would be doing the work. He’s concerned that the Commission may not have the capacity to conduct the work required with the current staff. He suggested the Commission think about that question and try to answer it for the next meeting. Chairman Kosinski agreed with Commissioner Cashman.

Ms. DeVries, Research Analyst, briefly went over some of the materials she had provided in the meeting books, so that she can make sure she was on the right track before moving forward with the strategic plan for training and the ethics manual. Chairman Kosinski thanked Ms. DeVries for doing a great job with putting these materials together. He then closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 9 – Open session for review of the Request for Opinion Log

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item. He advised Commissioners that he has requested the log be placed on the agenda for each meeting to give them an opportunity to track the progress of staff. He said that staff is doing a great job and doing their best to keep up.

Chairman Kosinski closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10 – Open session for Chairman’s Comments.

Chairman Kosinski opened this agenda item. He stated that staff had provided Commissioners with proposed changes to regulations under this agenda item, however, at the advice of counsel, this item will need to be agendized at the next meeting for discussion and possible action.

Chairman Kosinski closed this agenda item.

Agenda Item 11 – Open session for public comment

Chairman Kosinski opened the agenda item for public comment. No public comment was made, and the agenda item was closed.

Chairman Kosinski adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

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Emily H. Nunez, Office Manager

Jim Kosinski, Chairman